

productive and the canal work is taken up as quickly as possible. It looks as if the people of the villages are not responsible for these things on their part. They do not want to move and they want to work in the close-by area. To what extent we can provide work continuously in their respective areas or villages could be imagined by the Hon. Members. The money that the Government of India have promised through this famine relief for taking up these productive works of canal, we may not be able to spend if things persist in this way. Therefore, I request the Hon. Members to use their good offices, influence and see that these people should move to the work spots in larger number so that we will be in a better position to give relief for a few months.

1-00 P.M.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—All aspects of the questions—defects, deficiencies and lapses—in this huge under-taking have been observed not only by me but also by the hon. Leader of the Opposition and a number of other Members who have all gone there and inspected many projects and actually taken stock of those things and we have come to certain unanimous decisions as to what has to be done and orders have already followed on many points. The statement is under preparation. Well, it is a comprehensive statement and it may take a little time. I will make best efforts to make a statement during the course of the day and if per chance, the typing and cyclostyling take a little time, I will positively make a statement immediately after the question hour. After hearing the statement and about the orders, I expect that there will be no occasion for any hon. Member to feel dissatisfied.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಸ್. ಕದಾಡಿ.—ತಾವು ಹೋದ ಮಾರನೇ ದಿವಸ ಕೆಲಸ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಜನರು ಹಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳಿದಾಗ ಕೊಡದೆ ಗರಾಜೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಇಂಥ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಇದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ತಾವು ಹೇಳುವುದನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಅಂಥ ನಾರ್ತಾರು ಪ್ರಸಂಗಗಳನ್ನು ನಾನು ನೋಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ತಾವು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ನೋಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ತಾವೇನು ದೋಷವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೋ ಅದನ್ನು ಸರಿಪಡಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

(ii) *re*: Alleged misutilisation of the amount by the
MSHD Corporation

Sri H. S. SIDDAPPA (Arsikere).—I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Industries to the alleged misutilisation of amount by Mysore State Handicrafts Development Corporation.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—I make the following statement:—

In July 1971, the Mysore State Handicrafts Development Corporation moved Government for an additional share capital of Rs. 5 lakhs mainly in order to clear outstanding bills of suppliers,

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which stood at Rs. 6.97 lakhs at the end of March, 1971 and to convert part of the premises of the Central Stores of the Corporation into office accommodation and to instal new show cases in the emporium at a cost of Rs. 1.5 lakhs, thereby eliminating the need for the separate rented office accommodation with the Corporation had at that time. Accordingly, a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs was sanctioned by Government in July 1971 towards investment in the share capital of the Corporation.

2. This sum of Rs. 5 lakhs has been utilised for the purpose intended. The outstanding bills to suppliers have been fully settled, partly with the share capital assistance received by the Corporation from Government and partly through internal generation of resources. As regards conversion of part of the premises of the stores into office accommodation, the expenditure which has been incurred is only Rs. 79,657.35. The work on the improvement of the emporium proper is being taken up. The expenditure on office accommodation referred to above has resulted in a saving of Rs. 25,000 per year on rent alone to the Corporation, besides savings on watchmen, water, electric and other charges, which means that within a period of about three years, the entire expenditure would be recovered. The shift of the office premises has also ensured better supervision on the work of the central stores and on the process of selection and indenting of articles. As for as the air-conditioners, they were discarded air-conditioners of the Bombay emporium, which was closed last year. These air-conditioners were purchased in the year 1966. These had to be used, since the Chairman's office and the Managing Director's office have absolutely no direct ventilation nor possibility of such ventilation. The depreciated value of the air-conditioners is just Rs. 650.

As regards the purchase of car, it may be noted that, in the past, the Chairman used to draw a conveyance allowance of Rs. 125 p. m. In addition, taxies were being hired whenever necessary. During 1970-71, a sum of Rs. 2497-50 has been incurred on taxi charges. It was therefore considered more economical for the Corporation to have its own vehicle. This has resulted in over all economy.

As mentioned earlier, the outstanding bills to suppliers have been cleared. Even the cash credit loan of Rs. 5 lakhs which had been obtained from the Canara Bank has been repaid by the Corporation. As a result of economy measures, judicious selection of goods and strict financial control, the position has improved. Payments in respect of purchases made subsequently are up-to-date. The over all improvement shows clearly that the management is being carried on on sound lines.

SRI H. S. SIDDAPPA.—Madam Speaker, I was misinformed about the working of the Mysore State Handicrafts Development Corporation. I am very glad to know, from the statement of the Hon. Minister that the institution is working very well.